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### Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Relevant to claims	Identity of document and passage or figure of particular relevance
X	1, 2, 12, 15-17	WO 98/20363 A1 (PHILIPS) See abstract and page 6 lines 10-26
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